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## House Armed Services Committee Duncan Hunter, Chairman

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### **House Armed Services Committee Chairman Statement on the Latest U.N. Report**

#### *Violations of UN Resolution 1441 Continue*

**Washington, D.C.** - House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter issued the following statement in reaction to today's United Nations report on Iraq:

"The chief U.N. weapons inspector today said Iraq's weapons of mass destruction are 'not accounted for.' This is the latest proof of Iraq's continued defiance.

"On November 8<sup>th</sup> 2002, the U.N. passed Resolution 1441 to disarm Iraq. Since Resolution 1441 was passed, the U.N. has confirmed that Iraq has hidden its chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons programs, built missiles exceeding the range limits set by the Security Council, and failed to cooperate with inspectors.

"As if we needed any more proof, Iraq continues to fire on allied aircraft in the U.N.-mandated no-fly zone, while providing weapons and training to terrorists.

"We told Iraq 'disarm or be disarmed' and we have their answer. They have failed to comply with this resolution, just as they have failed to comply with many more over the last 12 years.

"The U.N. should support the actions needed to disarm Iraq. But, the U.S. and our allies are ready to move ahead if they do not."

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*The following chart describes the weapons of mass destruction Iraq continues to harbor according to the U.N.*